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Gary,

I went to the Falcon Refinery yesterday and observed the reconditioning of Tank 14. Workers have cut an opening into the tanks, they had the internal floating roof propped up and they were inspecting the bottom, which looked good. Tank 13 has been reconditioned and is back in service.

Despite our re-sampling efforts the concentrations of benzene in the sludge require disposal by thermal destruction at the US Ecology facility. That's the only means available at their facility. We will have a "super sucker" at the site next Tuesday to begin the sludge removal in Tanks 2 and 10. We estimate that there will be approximately 300 cubic yards of sludge from those tanks that will require thermal destruction.

After the sludge is removed we will clean the tanks in the manner described in Addendum 3 to the Removal Action Work Plan.

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